

The FCC plan to require the use of copy-protection technology in digital television receivers is a bad plan that will lead to additional government regulation and oversight. The recent ruling relative to the DOJ-MicroSoft trial supported the government's position that they are not going to interfere with the technology's need (or as they say, their right) to innovate. By forcing the use of technology in the TV to control copyrighted material, the government will also have to regulate technology relative to the computer and other industries that are merging in terms of capabilities.

The government should not be adding additional regulations and oversight to the industry in an attempt to protect copyright for Hollywood but should allow the tech companies to innovate and work with copyright holders to implement a system without government regulations forcing and managing technology.